

## DEMOCRATIC TRICKERY.

More of it Exposed by a Colored Man.

## FIVE HUNDRED THE FIGURE.

He Says a Telegram Was Shown Him From Bristol Signed "S" and One From Richmond Signed "J. T. E."

Below we publish a letter from J. M. Ricks, a colored man at Washington, addressed to Mr. C. C. Lincoln, the District Chairman of the Republican party. In the letter Ricks discloses the fact that an effort was made to induce him to become an independent Republican candidate in the Ninth District. He tells further that he was shown a telegram from Bristol with the initial "S," signed to it, which was explained to him to represent James A. Stone.

Now this is the same Stone who is said to have come to Tazewell and expressed his regrets to a colored man because he would not consent to become a candidate and tool for the Democratic party. It is the same Stone who is said to have gone to Pocahontas and induced Thad Harris to run for Congress for a large sum of money. It is the same Stone who is the registrar at Bristol, Va., and who refused to let the Republicans see the registration books, claiming that they were private property. He seems to be an important spoke in the Democratic machine and up to all kinds of tricks.

Then Ricks says he was shown another telegram sent from Richmond and signed "J. T. E." It may sound strange, but these are the initials of the State Democratic chairman, J. Taylor Elyson, who will be the next candidate of his party for Governor.

And this is the way the Democratic machine is trying to defeat General Walker, sending men and telegrams all over the country to induce colored men to become candidates for Congress. It appears to us that Democrats who have any respect for themselves would be disgusted with such low politics and the men who engage in such schemes. Read the letter of Ricks:

## A Letter From J. M. Ricks.

Washington, D. C.  
Oct. 27th, 1898.  
C. C. Lincoln, Esq., Chairman &c.,

Dear Sir:—Replying to your favor of the 24th, inst., I beg to say that I was requested to run as an Independent Republican candidate in the Ninth Congressional District, by an offer made to me on behalf of the managers of the Democratic party in Virginia.

I was shown a telegram from Bristol, signed "S," which I have since learned meant JAMES A. STONE. This telegram read, "CLOSE DEAL WITH PROPER PARTY FOR FIVE HUNDRED."

Another telegram signed J. T. E. from Richmond, urged the same party to complete arrangements looking to the same end.

Having always co-operated with the Republican party, from whom my race received the right to vote, I could not be a tool in the hands of the Democracy to defeat my own party.

You may make any use of this communication that you see fit.

J. M. RICKS,  
627, K. St. N. W.

## OPINION

CONSTRUCTIVE PROVISIONS OF THE PARKER ELECTION LAW.

"We, the undersigned attorneys at law, practicing in the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, having carefully studied the various provisions of the election law of the State of Virginia, known as the Parker Bill, approved March 4, 1896, are of opinion as follows:

## "JUDGE TO ASSIST VOTER.

"Under the provisions of section 17 of said act, it is the sworn duty of the judge designated to assist illiterate voters in the exercise of their suffrages, to himself properly mark the ballot of any voter requesting him so to do, either upon the ground that he is 'physically or educationally unable to prepare his ballot.' Said section is express in its declaration that not only should the judge read the names on the ballot and point out those to be stricken out, but that he must 'otherwise aid him in preparing the ballot.' This has been so determined in the opinion of the Supreme Court of Appeals of our own State. (See Pearson et al. vs. Board of Supervisors of Brunswick Co. et al., 91 Va., 322.)

"HOW VOTER MUST EXPRESS HIS DESIRE AS TO HIS BALLOT.

"We are also of the opinion that under the present election law, there may be names of candidates upon the ballot without a voter's knowledge of such candidates until he procures the official ballot; therefore, an illiterate or blind voter cannot know all the names necessary to be scratched in order to make his vote a legal ballot. It is, therefore, manifest that the voter need only inform the judge he has requested to prepare his ballot of the names of the candidate he desires to vote for, when it becomes the duty of such judge, under the law, to scratch off all the names of other candidates on such ballot, than those designated by the voter to remain.

## "HOW FAR THE BALLOT IS SECRET.

"We are furthermore of the opinion that the secret of the ballot belongs to the individual voter, but the privilege of holding this secret does not deprive him of the freedom of speech manifested in a declaration of how he proposes to vote, or how he has voted. We, therefore, hold that the voter may announce publicly on obtaining his ballot, or at any other time, for whom he desired that ballot to be arranged, so that he may vote for the candidate of his choice.

## "EXPOSING THE BALLOT.

"Section 13 of the Parker Bill, aforesaid, requires the voter to fold his ballot and hand it to the judge of election, who shall place it in the ballot-box. This section does not require him to fold his ballot until after he has left the booth, and is in the presence of the judge of election who is to receive and deposit it. We hold that he may expose his ballot before folding it, to any person near enough to see its contents, and that such exposure is a legal method for the detection of possible fraud."

Alexander Hamilton, Petersburg, Va.  
K. P. Buford, Brunswick county, Va.  
Samuel G. Brent, Alexandria, Va.  
A. S. Segar, Hampton, Va.  
R. S. Thomas, Isle of Wight county, Va.  
W. A. Little, Jr., Fredericksburg, Va.  
A. C. Garrett, Newport News, Va.  
John H. Lewis, Lynchburg, Va.  
C. L. Carrington, Nelson county, Va.  
R. H. Rawles, of Suffolk, Va.  
J. A. Treadway, Pittsylvania county, Va.  
William J. Whitehurst, Norfolk, Va.  
Wm. L. Royall, Richmond, Va.  
Barton H. Wise, Richmond, Va.  
W. P. Desaussure, Richmond, Va.  
A. B. Guizon, Richmond, Va.

We beg to submit the foregoing opinion of a number of the most distinguished Democratic members of the Virginia bar, and recommend it for the guidance of Republican voters.

By order of Republican Executive Congressional Committee.

C. C. LINCOLN, Chairman.  
G. E. GOODSELL, Secretary.

## EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Bristol "Tribune" says: "It is said that Harris, the colored candidate for Congress in this district, will cut no small figure in the election." From all accounts Mr. Stone of the "Tribune" knows exactly the figures he cut, and it is said they are \$500.

We urge every Republican in Tazewell county to be at the polls early next Tuesday morning and see that his vote is placed in the ballot box for JAMES A. WALKER.

Cox, the Democratic chairman of Scott county, says if the Republicans are permitted to show their ballots to the Republican judges that Walker is certain of election. This ought to make the Republicans determined to show them, when they want to do so.

Junius, of Giles, and Thaddeus, of Pocahontas, are making earnest appeals to the colored voters of the Ninth District to vote against Walker. They are very earnest assistants of Rhea, one influenced by hate the other by purchase.

So far we have seen no denial from Mr. Stone, of Bristol that he went to Pocahontas and induced Thad Harris to become a candidate.

Our Democratic friends are always talking about the corruption fund of the Republicans in the Ninth District. The Democrats ought to stop such talk when they can afford to put up \$500.00 to get a negro to run for Congress and also agree to pay his campaign expenses. They must have a pretty large corruption pile.

Next Tuesday a great political battle is to be fought in this district. Republicans should be resolute and true, then all will be well.

Vote for Walker and you will not regret it. He is with the party that has brought prosperity to the country again.

The Ninth District is largely Republican. It can only be carried for Democracy by fraud, corruption and trickery. Keep every Republican on guard so the enemy can be defeated in their wicked schemes.

The Republican who fails to do his duty next Tuesday by voting and working for Walker will never cease to regret it.

Tazewell county will give General Walker a large majority. The number of the majority will be measured by the number of votes cast in the county. If the vote is equal to that of 1896 his majority will be about the same. That is our judgment.

## Judges of Election.

The electoral board for Tazewell county have appointed the following as judges of election at the various precincts in the county:

Tazewell—A. J. May, Jr., C. T. Peery, W. B. F. White.  
North Tazewell—W. H. Brown, B. B. Greever, B. S. F. Harman.  
Benbow—J. E. Buchanan, J. O. Correll, Wes. Mathews.  
Thompson Valley—W. T. Thompson, Joseph Criger, Wm. Clayton.  
Freestone—A. J. Correll, W. T. Higginbotham, J. M. Brooks.  
Crockett's Cove—Jno. W. Daniel, D. B. Daniel, T. G. Crockett.  
Dry Fork—D. G. Sayers, D. B. Harman, W. R. Bandy.  
Gap Store—J. M. C. Catron, A. G. Leavers, G. M. Graybeal.  
Burke's Garden—Jno. P. Gose, T. E. Howell, Jno. H. Greener.  
Granton—W. D. Jones, J. E. Buchanan, L. E. Lefle.  
Cove Creek—R. G. Shuflebarger, W. H. Stowers, J. G. Higginbotham.  
Tip Top—Robt. Tarter, H. Lee Brown, R. R. Harman.  
Bluestone—J. T. Nash, J. B. Shannon, W. W. Wells.  
Graham—S. M. Graham, M. B. Linkous, E. T. Brooks.  
Falls Mills—L. H. Hany, C. J. Hale, E. H. Compton.  
Abby's Valley—Chas. Moore, Chas. Smith, S. P. Mustard.  
Pocahontas (1)—W. M. Delp, W. J. Nevenham, M. Degan.  
Pocahontas (2)—J. M. Newton, W. E. Read, Wm. Murray.  
Pocahontas (3)—E. V. Bailly, J. S. Mans, J. S. Browning.  
Cedar Bluff—T. A. Repass, W. J. Higginbotham, S. H. Laird.  
Liberty Hill—H. A. George, M. W. Humphreys, J. H. Dorton.  
Poor Valley—W. S. Taylor, T. H. Hill, A. P. French.  
Pounding Mill—W. C. Williams, Jno. Lambert, Jno. W. Beavers.  
Lockhart's Chapel—J. C. Hinkle, J. H. Beavers, W. T. Brewster.  
Richlands—Geo. R. McCall, B. F. Ball, Jno. M. Yost.  
Midway—W. A. Ward, B. White, D. Green.

## THANKS TO AMERICA.

Action of the Representatives of the Cuban Army.

Havana, October 31.—Advices received here from Santa Cruz del Sur say that a majority of the representatives of the Cuban army, at a meeting held there in favor of the dissolution of the Cuban insurgent government, decided on the appointment of a commission to go to Washington for the purpose of thanking the American government for its intervention in favor of the Cubans, and to put themselves unconditionally at the disposition of the Washington authorities, so as to enable the latter to develop their program without any hindrance. The Cubans are also said to be in favor of the disbandment of the insurgent army.

Santiago, October 31.—Senor Bartolome Maso, president of the Cuban provincial administration council, has issued an address to the delegates now in attendance at the military assembly at Santa Cruz del Sur, in which he reviews the considerations upon which the Cubans solicited the United States and indicates their wisest future policy. The address is in part as follows:

"The Cubans accepted the assistance of America, although not knowing exactly what were the American aims, just as they would have accepted help from any country in their fight against Spain. As the contest progressed, the Cubans in the field were gratified to hear of a solemn declaration by the United States Congress regarding the intentions of the American government and the path it would follow in the Spanish-American war. America came to our help to compel Spain to relinquish her sovereignty over Cuba, in order that the Cubans themselves might be placed as promptly as possible in possession of the island and might assume the administration of its affairs and have a government of their own.

"Therefore, the Cubans agree to co-operate with the Americans, to obey the orders issued by American generals, and to help in all possible ways to establish a Cuban government wherever the Americans took possession. Though America did not recognize the government of the Cubans in terms, it was well understood that the Cubans would not on that account abandon their organization, but on the contrary, the time would come when such recognition would be granted. Indeed, it was asserted to our Cuban representatives by one of the most distinguished members of the United States government, and also by members of the United States Senate, that in order to do away with any obstacle that might hinder the United States in going into the fight for the cause of Cuban independence, recognition of a Cuban government must come later.

"Nevertheless, it has not been possible to establish direct relations between the Cuban and American governments for the transaction of public business. Although the general character of our relations throughout the war was friendly, but we have now reached a time when, even more than in the days of fighting, it is incumbent upon all Cubans to show the true patriotism, and while making every expression of gratitude to America for having given Cuba freedom and independence, to make prompt arrangements for paying off the Cubans now in arms for getting the country into working order."

## STATE NEWS.

Hon. William A. Fentress, a prominent attorney of Portsmouth, died of gastritis in Norfolk.

Mr. John Brown, of Stafford county, died at his home, near White Oak, aged 85 years.

All the efforts made by the officers of the Second Virginia regiment to change the order to leave that regiment mustered out of service have failed.

The new bridge over the Rappahannock river at Kelly's ford, connecting the counties of Culpeper and Fauquier, has been completed and is now open for travel.

The charges brought against the federal office-holders in Richmond by the central Republican League (colored) of violating the civil service rules have not been sustained.

Thirty cases of fever are reported at Remington, Fauquier county, and ten at Orange. It is thought to be camp fever. A similar ailment prevailed in that section during the civil war.

Mrs. Ann Lewis, a well-known lady of Leesburg, died at an advanced age. She leaves several daughters and one son. Mr. George F. Lewis, assistant master of trains of the Pennsylvania road, at Washington.

Mrs. Columbiana Nalle, relict of the late Capt. Thomas Bots Nalle, of Culpeper, and mother of Col. William Nalle, commanding the Third Virginia regiment, died at the residence of her late husband, near Culpeper, after a long and painful illness, in about the 75th year of her age. She leaves a family of five children.

The oystermen who were arrested on the charge of stealing from beds other than the Natural Rock, in the James river, were given a hearing in Newport News and all but one were found guilty. The fines varied from \$10 to \$20 and costs. One of the men was sent on to the grand jury. All of the tongs either paid the fines assessed or were released on bail bond.

A letter from Richmond says: "The plans of the anti Martin men are gradually leaking out. There will be an informal conference soon after the election and at this meeting it will be decided who shall oppose the senator. Hon. R. Walton Moore is a candidate, but is perfectly willing to retire at any time his friends think it would be wise for him to do so. There is a good deal of talk of Governor Tyler as a possible candidate. He is silent on the subject."

James Whitcomb Riley thinks the lot of a poet a hard one. In a recent interview he said: "If you're called as witness in a lawsuit some little attorney squares himself off and says with withering scorn, 'Let me see, you're a poet, are you not?' 'H'm, yes. Gentlemen of the jury, the witness is a poet'—and your testimony is killed dead as a door nail."

## THE TERESA BOUND THIS WAY.

Raised Spanish Ship Steaming For Hampton Roads.

Washington, October 31.—The Navy Department has received a telegram from Cienfuegos announcing the sailing from that place for Hampton Roads of the Maria Teresa, which is up to this time the only one of the Spanish ships sunk at Santiago that is to be floated. She is under command of Captain Harris, who was detached from command of the Vulcan for that purpose. The Teresa sailed from Cienfuegos yesterday with the Vulcan and the Leonidas. The vessels will escort the Teresa most of the way to Norfolk. The Cincinnati also started with the Teresa, but she was to go only as far as Cape Maysi, and thence across to Port Antonio. It is probable that with fair weather the Teresa will reach Hampton Roads about Tuesday of next week. There she will be surveyed by the naval board, which will report to the department the probable cost of putting her into condition for naval service. The advice so far received at the department indicate that this is going to be an expensive undertaking, but nevertheless it will be carried forward, as much from sentimental as practical reasons.

Washington, October 31.—A telegram has been received at the Navy Department stating that the Maria Teresa passed Cape Maysi, Cuba, this morning, going at the rate of six knots under her own steam, as well.

## TROOPS MOVING SOUTH.

Signal Corps Company Starts for Augusta.

Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., October 31.—The movement of the soldiers at Camp Meade to the Southern camps is actively under way. Today the Eleventh Signal Corps company, under Captain Hartman, folded their tents and followed the two companies of engineers, who left last night for Augusta, Ga. For a week or ten days the engineers and signal corps men will live in hotels in Augusta and Athens, Ga. The engineers have been directed to make new roads, the old roads being reported in bad condition. Supplies will be shipped at once to Augusta, where commissary headquarters will be located. The entire corps will be located as near Augusta as possible. As soon as the water pipes are laid, the First Division will start South. A detachment from each division will start Wednesday to prepare the camps. Tents will be shipped by the War Department.

## ALL OF THE PHILIPPINES.

The United States Peace Commissioners Demand the Whole Group.

Paris, Oct. 31.—The American commissioners presented a written expression of the purpose of the United States to take the entire group of the Philippine Islands and assume such a proportion of the Philippine debt as has been spent for the bene-

fit of the islands or their inhabitants, in public works, improvements and permanent betterments. The document also sets forth that the United States will not assume any part of the Philippine debt, which has been incurred by Spain for furthering military or naval operations to quell the insurrection of the natives.

The session eventually adjourned until Friday in order to give the Spaniards time to prepare a reply. The session lasted about an hour.

The American commissioners, each carrying a portfolio containing the records and personal memoranda, left headquarters Continental hotel for the meeting with the Spanish commissioners at the foreign office just before 2 o'clock. President Rios Heath having improved enabled him to attend. He arrived with his colleagues just after the Americans reached the meeting place.

## WITHHOLDS DOCUMENTS.

Lockroy Still Keeps Them From Dreyfus' Counsel.

Paris, October 31.—The criminal section of the Court of Cassation appointed counsellors today to proceed with a supplementary inquiry into the Dreyfus case, and counsel for the Dreyfus family went to the Minister of War for the purpose of studying the secret documents in the case. M. Lockroy, who is still acting as Minister of War pending the installation of his successor, M. De Freycinet, raised difficulties about delivering the documents and only allowed counsel to inspect certain of them.

London, November 1.—The Paris correspondent of the Times dilating on the fact that the Dreyfus affair occurred under M. Dupuy's former premiership and when President Faure was Minister of Marine, says:

"It is disquieting for the revisionists that M. Faure now confers the premiership upon M. Dupuy, as these two are called upon to screen their former colleague, General Mercier."

The Paris correspondent of the Daily News says: "I learn that it is not at all unlikely that M. Dupuy, the new Premier, will turn his back on General Mercier. It is rumored that another mysterious prisoner was brought to Mont Valerien prison on Saturday."

We have received a letter from Mr. H. H. Doison, of Wise, in which he says: "A prominent Democrat of Norton, Va., approached a colored school teacher and asked him to meet Harris, the Democratic assistant candidate for Congress and see that he was well taken care of; and that for every colored vote he could get for Harris there could be 50 cents found to pay for the vote. Affidavits have been made to these statements." This shows how the Democrats are using Harris.

Rev. Charles Heath, a colored preacher and farmer who died in New York last week, was present as a baby in his mother's arms, at the funeral of Washington.

## Thursday

November the 24th, 1898, Is the Day

set apart by the President for Thanksgiving; the time of all times when every housewife sets a fine table.

Permit us to ask if you have purchased the fruits, flavors and all necessary dainties for your Thanksgiving Dinner.

Allow us to suggest that your compare our fruits with those of your former purchases and note the superiority of our present stocks. We guarantee the purity, strength, flavor and quality of the lines mentioned below.

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TAZEVELL DRUG CO.

## Our Telephone System.

The telephone system of Tazewell, under the management of Mr. C. C. Long, has been in operation only about forty days and already forty phones are connected with the central office, exclusive of those in Burke's Garden. Mr. Long has put in a ten drop board in Burke's Garden at the store of Gose & Groeclose, and the following persons have phones connected with the central office in the Garden: R. M. Lawson, John Gose and Robert Meek, and it is understood that the entire Garden will before long be connected with the central office there. The central office at this place is connected with the one in the Garden and is a great convenience to the citizens of both communities, between whom such large and intimate business and social relations exist.

There is every reason to believe that lines will soon be established between this place and Pocahontas and all the other prominent points in the county. Those who have been enjoying the benefits of the phones already placed have learned to wonder how they have gotten along without them. Mr. Long deserves great credit for his energy and enterprise in establishing a system for Tazewell, and we are glad to know that his work will prove a great success.

## Organ Recital.

An organ recital will be given at the Methodist church on tomorrow (Friday) night. The splendid new Liezt organ just received will be used. Messrs. Will Henry Alderson and W. O. Whitman will play the violins; and the best vocal talent of the town will render choruses, and vocal quartettes, duets and solos. A very attractive programme has been arranged, and the management has made every effort to prepare one of the best musical entertainments ever given in the town. The admission will be 25cts and tickets will be sold at the door.

## Old Folks Concert.

As previously announced, the Old Folks Concert was given at the town hall on last Friday night. The programme had been changed from the one that was rendered in the early part of the Summer, and the entertainment was pronounced a good one. Though there had been but few rehearsals all the ladies and gentlemen sang their parts well. There had been but little advertisement of the entertainment, but there was a good audience.

## Notice.

All persons are hereby notified not to trespass on the lands belonging to any of the undersigned or on what is known as the "Sheffey land," in Poor Valley, in Tazewell county, by hunting or fishing thereon. The Sheffey land has been leased for a term of years by the undersigned, J. B. Meek. All persons so trespassing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

J. B. MECK, Lessor, J. G. PEERY, J. E. NEEL, H. E. PEERY, T. E. PEERY, GEO. KING, H. G. KING, J. D. GREIVER, S. PATTERSON, R. B. GILLESPIE, W. K. GROSCHLASE, Oct. 17th, 1898.

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